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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH TURKISH

FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, DECEMBER 8, 1977

1. SUMMARY. CAGLAYANGIL REVIEWED RECENT STEPS BY TURKS
RELATED TO CYPRUS, INFORMED SECRETTRY OF FORTHCOMING
WITHDRAWAL OF 2600 TROOPS FROM CYPRUS, AND PRESSED FOR
EARLY SCHEDULING OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON US-TURKEY
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). END SUMMARY.

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2. SECRETARY MET FOR 30 MINUTES DECEMBER 8 AT TURKISH
MISSION TO NATO WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL.
ALSO PRESENT WERE MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG, AMBASSADOR
TO US ESENBEL, NATO PERM REP KIRCA AND MFA OFFICIALS
TULUMEN AND GUVENDIREN; PRESENT FOR US WERE UNDER
SECRETARY HABIB, AMBASSADOR BENNETT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VEST, AND EUR/SE DEPUTY DIRECTOR EWING (NOTETAKER).

3. AS PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE BEING USHERED OUT, SECRETARY SAID HE HOPED VISIT TURKEY WHEN A DATE COULD BE SET.

4. CAGLAYANGIL SAID GOT HAD MADE CERTAIN EFFORTS WITH RESPECT CYPRUS SINCE HE LAST MET SECRETARY IN NEW YORK IN EARLY OCTOBER; HE HAD STARTED DISCUSSION ON HOW TO GET QUADRIPARTITE CYPRUS TALKS STARTED; HE HAD SEIZED OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENTS AND HAD GOTTEN PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TO DO SO; AND MFA OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED DEPT OFFICERS OF TURKISH IDEAS RE A FUTURE CYPRUS CONSTITUTION.

5. GOT HAD NOW DECIDED TO WITHDRAW 2,634 TROOPS FROM CYPRUS BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 15 AND CONTINUING IN TRANCHES OF ABOUT 500 MEN EVERY TWO/THREE WEEKS. FLEXIBILITY WAS BUILT INTO THE PROGRAMS WHICH COULD BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED.

6. CAGLAYANGIL NOTED THAT DENKTASH HAD STATED THAT HOTELS IN VAROSHA COULD BE REOPENED FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD BEEN PLEASED BY STATEMENT. CAGLAYANGIL SAID A GROUP OF EXPERTS WOULD SHORTLY VISIT VAROSHA TO SEE HOW TO IMPLEMENT IDEA.

7. CAGLAYANGIL SAID HE FELT TURKISH SIDE HAD DONE WELL
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OVER LAST TWO MONTHS BUT HE WAS NOT SURE USG HAD PERFORMED AS WELL. SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED WHEN HEARINGS ON DCA WOULD START. HE ALSO NOTED US SUPPORT IN HELPING TURKEY WITH ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE IMF AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAD BEEN EXPECTED, BUT SO FAR HAD NOT BEEN AS EFFECTIVE AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN HOPED.

8. CAGLAYANGIL GENTLY COMPLAINED THAT GREEKS CONTINUE TO TRY TO BLOCK APPROVAL OF THE DCA AND ARE NEGATIVE ON OTHER MATTERS WHILE SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN NATO'S LTDP, ETC.

9. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THE TURKISH SIDE DID APPRECIATE OUR UNDERTAKING TO HELP THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WITH FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND THE IDEA OF INVITING DENKTASH TO THE US ("HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE HEARINGS").

10. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR DECEMBER 8 ARTICLE (STATE 291944) AND SIMILAR ARTICLES IN THE TURKISH PRESS HAD CAUSED PROBLEMS BY SUGGESTING THAT TURKEY HAD SOLD OUT CYPRUS. CAGLAYANGIL THUS SUGGESTED THAT HE AND THE SECRETARY ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT AFTER THE MEETING. HE PROVIDED A DRAFT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WANTED TO REVIEW

THE TEXT CAREFULLY AND SUGGESTED THE MATTER BE REVIEWED ON DECEMBER 9. (VEST LATER GAVE ELEKDAG A REVISED TEXT BUT SAID WE DID NOT WANT TO ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH COULD HAVE AN UNFORTUNATE EFFECT AT THIS JUNCTURE.)

11. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY'S TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WE ARE DOING ALL WE COULD TO BE HELPFUL. SECRETARY SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE A DATE FOR HEARINGS. SECRETARY SAID HE APPRECIATED CAGLAYANGIL'S RECENT POSITIVE STATEMENTS AND ON HIS DECEMBER 6 ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS HAD SAID HE HAD NOTED THEM WITH INTEREST AND APPRECIATION.
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12. SECRETARY SAID IN HIS MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS LATTER HAD EXPRESSED MUCH CONCERN AND EMOTION RE DECEMBER 7 DPC AND DRAFT NAC COMMUNIKES.

HE HAD RAISED FOUR POWER CYPRUS TALKS IDEA BUT CLEARLY PRESENT GOG POSITION IS NEGATIVE.

13. IN RESPONSE POINTED QUESTIONS FROM ELEKDAG, SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD STARTED CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS BUT THAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHEN TO MOVE AHEAD AT THE APPROPRIATE PACE. SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT HE COULD GIVE NO SPECIFIC DATE FOR HEARINGS NOR DID HE RECALL SUGGESTING THAT ANY PARTICULAR TIMEFRAME SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED.

14. IN RESPONSE CAGLAYANGIL QUERY WHETHER TURKS WOULD BE WASTING EFFORT IF THEY WENT AHEAD WITH TROOP WITHDRAWAL PRIOR HEARINGS, SECRETARY SAID IT WOULD BE SEEN AS CONSTRUCTIVE STEP BY CONGRESS. CAGLAYANGIL SAID IN MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT HE WOULD INDICATE THAT OTHER WITHDRAWALS COULD FOLLOW. ESENBEL SUGGESTED THAT TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND HEARINGS PROCEED IN PARALLEL. VANCE

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